In the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of aligning an optical fiber with an optical device, the fiber having a longitudinal axis and an end surface proximate to the device, said method comprising the step of rotating the optical fiber about a first axis and a second axis, said second axis and said first axis intersecting at the center of said end surface [, said first axis being co-linear with the longitudinal axis of said optical fiber].

2. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said first axis is co-linear with the longitudinal axis of said optical fiber [further comprising the step of rotating the optical fiber about a second axis, said second axis and said first axis intersecting at the center of said end surface].

3. (original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising the step of rotating the optical fiber about a third axis, said third axis, said second axis and said first axis intersecting at the center of said end surface.

4. (original) A method of aligning an optical fiber with an optical device, the fiber having an end surface proximate to the device, said method comprising the steps of
   a) rotating the optical fiber about a first axis;
   b) rotating the optical fiber about a second axis; and
   c) rotating the optical fiber about a third axis; wherein

   said first axis, said second axis and said third axis intersect at the center of said end surface.

5. (cancelled)
6. (cancelled)
7. (cancelled)
8. (cancelled)
9. (cancelled)